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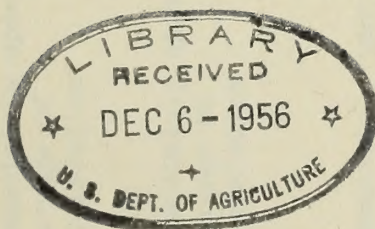
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SUMMARY

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Proposal in Message	New Legislation needed	Timing of Implementation	Area Affected	Major Effect
1. Soil Bank				
a. Acreage Reserve				
1. Cotton	Yes	: Immediately upon : passage of : legislation	: Cotton Belt	: Payment this year on proof of : compliance - Reduce carryover : by 2-3 million bales per year - : for 3 years
2. Wheat	Yes	: Immediately upon : passage of : legislation	: Entire country; major : West of Mississippi : river	: Payment this year on proof of : compliance - Reduce carryover : by 200 million bushels per : year
3. Corn 1/	Yes	: Immediately upon : passage of : legislation	: Commercial corn area, : primarily mid-west	: Payment this year on proof of : compliance - Reduce carryover : by 300-500 million bushels : depending upon participation. : Increase support.
4. Rice 1/	Yes	: Immediately upon : passage of : legislation	: Arkansas, La., Texas and : California	: Payment this year on proof of : compliance - Reduce carryover : by about 6 million bags per : year
b. Conservation Reserve:	Yes	: Immediately upon : passage of : legislation	: Entire country. : Heaviest acreage partici- : pation in Great Plains : Greatest payments in Corn: : Belt.	: Payment this year as costs : are incurred. Reduce acreage : of feed grains - Improve feed : grain prices and ultimately : livestock prices.
2. Surplus Disposal		: Only partially, immediately : for sales at : where adminis- : not less than : trative authori- : support and to : ty exists, : repeal Sec. 304: otherwise upon : of P.L. 480 : passage of : : legislation	: Entire country	: Increase disposal of CCC : stocks plus commercial sales : for export







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3. Strengthening Commodity Programs				
a. Soybeans	No	1956 crop	Primarily mid-west and some in S.E.	Increase income from 1956 crop
b. Flaxseed	No	1956 crop	Primarily N. Dakota, S. Dak., Minn. & Mont.	Increase income from 1956 crop
c. Wheat 1. Exempt from marketing quotas where entire production used on farm	Yes	1956 crop	Entire country, primarily East of Mississippi river and far West.	Increase feeding of wheat and reduce marketing quota violations
2. Authorize Secretary to sell low grade wheat for feed	Yes	July 1, 1956	Far West and N. E. would be major areas for purchases	Increase wheat consumption
3. Expand non-commercial wheat area	Yes	1957 crop	Fringe areas of wheat production	Reduce area of controls
4. Extend exemption for durum wheat	Yes	1957 crop	North Dakota	Increase type of wheat in short supply
d. Cotton 1. Elimination of middling 7/8" as standard grade for parity	Yes	1957 crop	Entire cotton belt	Place cotton on same basis as other crops - Adjust price supports
2. Quantity allotments	Yes	1957 crop	Entire cotton belt	Make controls effective





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3. Strengthening Commodity Programs (Cont.)				
e. Special Milk Program	Yes	July 1, 1956 - June 30, 1958	Entire country	Increase milk consumption and improve health
f. Livestock				
1. Special pork purchase program	No	Immediately	Primarily mid-west	Assist in relieving price pressures during heavy marketings
4. Dollar limit on price supports	Yes	As soon as legally permissible	Entire country	Reduce underwriting of competition with family-size farms
5. Rural Development Program	Yes	Immediately	Primarily low income areas	Meeting problems of low income families
6. Great Plains Program	Yes	Same as for Soil Bank and ACP	Great Plains	Stabilize agriculture in the Great Plains
a. Soil Bank and special ACP long-term commitments				
7. Research	Yes	1957 fiscal year	Agriculture here and abroad	New uses, new markets, and new crops
8. Credit	Yes	When enacted	Entire country	Adequate credit supply
9. Relieve farmers of tax on gasoline for farm use:	Yes	Probably 7-1-56	Entire country	Reduce production costs by about \$60 million a year

1/ This assumes utilization of the Acreage Reserve Program for corn and rice. In the absence of this program the alternative suggested would be passage of new legislation to elimination acreage controls on corn and rice and the establishment of price supports on a permissive basis.













